acquiring an image of a target area that includes information recorded on said target area using an optical recording device, said optical recording device being mounted on a generally horizontal boom positioned above said target area; and

posting said image to a site in response to user input to allow said image to be accessed by a user through a client browser application.

53. (Once Amended) The method of claim 51 further comprising the step of processing said image to yield high contrast pen strokes on a white or empty background prior to said posting.

54. (Once Amended) The method of claim 53 further comprising the step of presenting said image on a display device while said image is being posted.

Please add new Claims 56-78 as follows:

--56. (New) A system for capturing images of an area of interest comprising:

a boom extending outwardly from a wall surface and being positioned above an area to be imaged;

an optical recording device mounted on said boom at a location laterally spaced from said area, said optical recording device being aimed towards said area; and

a controller in communication with said optical recording device, said controller conditioning said optical recording device to acquire at least one image of said area in response to operator input.

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57. (New) A system according to claim 56 wherein said boom is positioned adjacent the midpoint of said target area.

58. (New) A system according to claim 57 wherein said boom includes a wall mount, a boom arm extending outwardly from said wall mount, and a camera head adjacent a distal end of said boom arm, said camera head accommodating said optical recording device.

59. (New) A system according to claim 58 wherein said wall mount is releasably coupled to a wall plate secured to said wall surface.

60. (New) A system according to claim 56 wherein said controller is coupled to a computer network and uses resources of said computer network.

61. (New) A system according to claim 56 wherein said controller has web server capabilities and is coupled to a distributed computer network to allow captured images to be accessed by a user via a web browser.

62. (New) A system for capturing an image comprising:

an arm configured to extend outwardly from a generally vertical surface;

an imaging device mounted adjacent a distal end of said arm at a location laterally spaced from said surface, said imaging device being operable to capture an image of an area located below said arm; and

a controller in communication with said imaging device, said controller conditioning said imaging device to acquire an image of said area in response to operator input, said controller further posting said acquired image to a site accessible to a user through a web client application in response to operator input.

63. (New) A system according to claim 62 wherein said controller includes a web server having a dedicated web address.

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64. (New) A system according to claim 62 wherein said arm is coupled to a mount that is configured to be secured to said surface.

65. (New) A system according to claim 62 wherein said area comprises a write board mounted on said surface below said arm.

66. (New) A system according to claim 62 wherein said imaging device comprises at least one digital camera.

67. (New) A system according to claim 62 wherein said controller includes a first button actuable by an operator to cause said controller to condition said imaging device to acquire an image, and a second button actuable by an operator to cause said controller to post said acquired image to said site.

68. (New) A system for capturing images of a writing surface comprising:

a boom extending outwardly from a wall surface and being positioned above said writing surface to be imaged;

a digital camera device mounted on said boom at a location laterally spaced from said wall surface, said digital camera device being actuable to capture an image of said writing surface; and

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a controller mounted on said wall surface and being in communication with said digital camera device, said controller conditioning said digital camera device to capture at least one image of said writing surface in response to operator input.

69. (New) A system according to claim 68 wherein said controller further posts said at least one captured image

to a site accessible to a user through a web client application in response to operator input.

70. (New) A system according to claim 69 wherein said controller includes a web server having a dedicated web address.

71. (New) A system according to claim 70 wherein said boom is coupled to a mount that is secured to said wall surface.

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72. (New) A system according to claim 70 wherein said controller includes a first button actuable by an operator to cause said controller to condition said digital camera device to capture said at least one image, and a second button actuable by an operator to cause said controller to post said at least one captured image to said site.

73. (New) A system according to claim 70 wherein said controller is mounted to one side of said writing surface.

74. (New) An imaging system to capture an image of a write board mounted on a wall surface, said imaging system comprising:

a boom configured to extend outwardly from said wall surface above said write board;

an imaging device mounted on said boom at a location laterally spaced from said wall surface, said imaging device being actuable to capture an image of said write board; and

a controller configured to be mounted on said wall surface and being in communication with said imaging device, said controller conditioning said imaging device to capture an image of said write board in response to operator input.

75. (New) An imaging system according to claim 74 wherein said controller further posts said captured image to a site accessible to a user through a web client application in response to operator input.

76. (New) An imaging system according to claim 75 wherein said controller includes a web server having a dedicated web address.